justified if it yields a return of not less than 14 per cent under Discounted Cash Flow Method.

(d) State-wise route Kms of Railway lines at the end of 2003-04 is given in Railways Year Book 2003-04.

Use of Kulhars

1975. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kulhars (earthen-pots) are used to serve tea in all the trains;

(b) if so, the details about the expenditure on Kulhars (earthen-pots) incurred by Government; and

(c) whether plastic cups/things have already been banned by Government in the trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The requirement of Kulhars per day is need based and the collection of this data is dynamic and voluminous. Hence, the total requirement of Kulhar per day and the total amount spent thereon can not be ascertained exactly. However, the approximate expenditure incurred on Kulhars from June to November, 2004 is Rs. 68,33,810/-.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Outsourcing by ICF

1976. SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether outsourcing of parts to private companies have made ICF workers and machinery unutilised or idle;

(b) whether there is any plan to fully utilise the existing work force and machinery; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?